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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF  
YVES AUBERSON  
APPLICATION NO: 10/506,381  
FILED: SEPTEMBER 2, 2004  
FOR: COUMARINES USEFUL AS BIOMARKERS

Commissioner for Patents  
PO Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Sir:

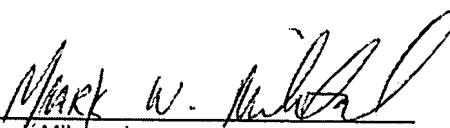
The Office Action of August 6, 2007 has a shortened statutory time set to expire on September 6, 2007. A two-month extension is hereby requested pursuant to 37 CFR §1.136(a).

Please charge Deposit Account No. 19-0134 in the name of Novartis in the amount of \$460 for payment of the extension fee. An additional copy of this paper is here enclosed. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees under 37 CFR §1.17 which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Account No. 19-0134 in the name of Novartis.

Respectfully submitted,

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